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MINUTES

OF THE

Sixteenth Annual Session

OF THE

BAPTIST JUDSON ASSOCIATION,

HELD WITH THE

CAMP CREEK CHURCH,

LEE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI,

On Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September 1868.

OFFICERS:

JAS. J. ANDREWS, Mod. J. S. CAROTHERS, Clk. R. M. BORUM, Trea

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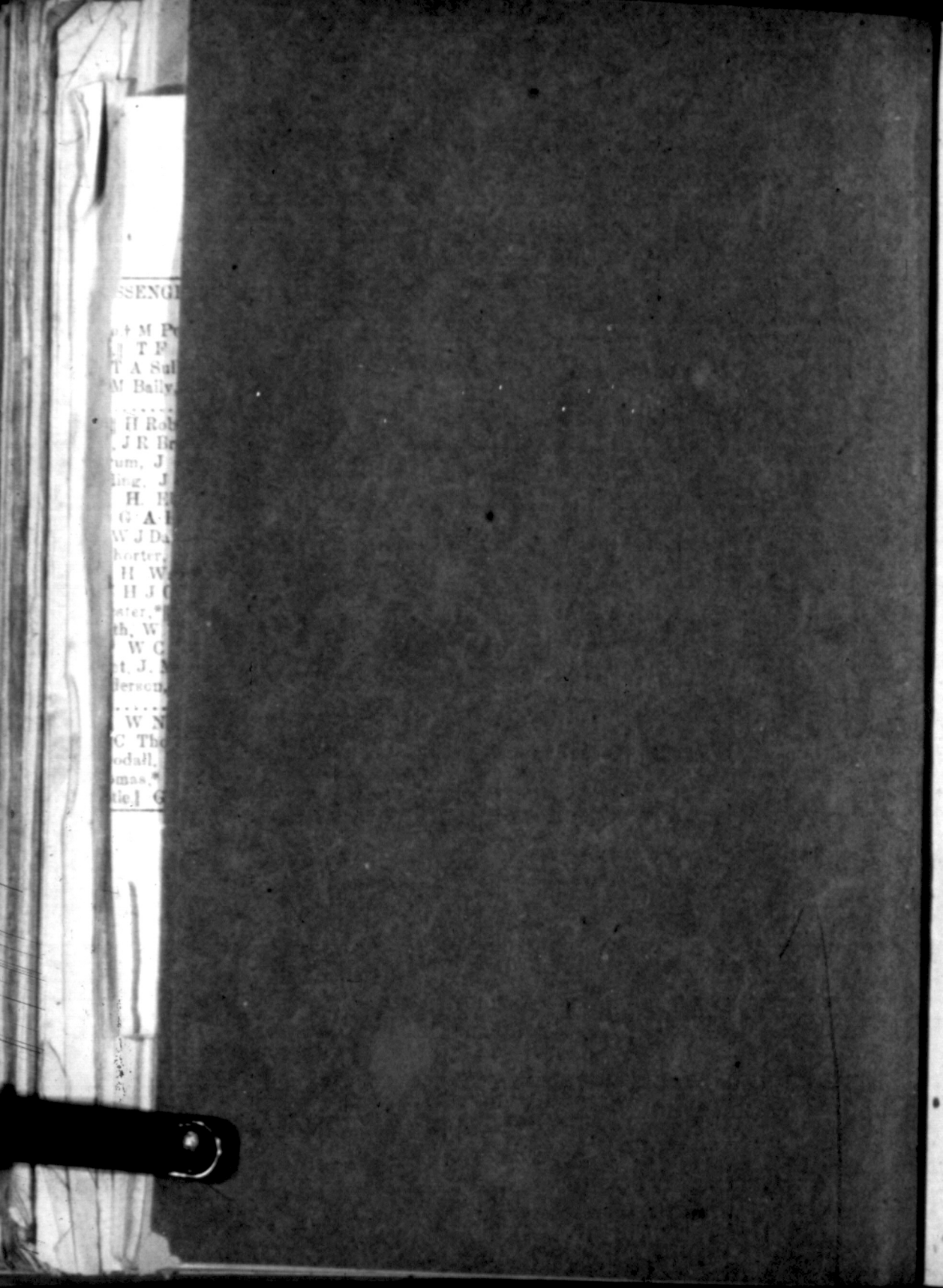

MINUTES.

The Messengers representing the various Churches composing the Judson Association convened with Camp Creek Church, Lee county, Miss., on Friday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1868. The appointee to preach the introductory sermon—Eld. W. C. Thomas—together with the alternate—Eld. D. W. Andrews—being absent; Elder John W. Randolph, on motion was called for, and preached from Nahum I chapter, 7th verse. After which a short intermission was given, when the body was called together by Eld. Wm. Hood, the Moderator, and after singing and prayer, proceeded with preliminary business preparatory to constitutional organization. Moderator appointed brethren Jno. H Knott and T. A. Sullivan reading clerks, when the letters from the various churches were called for, read, and messengers names enrolled. See statistical table.

Fulton church, which has been in a disorganized condition for a number of years, presented a letter which was received, read, and messengers names enrolled. See statistical table.

In view of the difficulty existing in Poplar Springs church—she having presented two letters—the Moderator declared that she was in disorder, and could not be received into fellowship and could not take no part in proceedings of this body until after organization. The body then organized by electing Eld. Jas. J Andrews, Moderator; John S. Carothers, Clerk; R. M. Bonum, Treasurer. The Moderator appointed the following committees: On devotional exercises H. Hood, D. Rateliff, A. J. Doty and the Deacons of Camp Creek church. On arrangement of business, Elds. W. Hood, C. C. Malone and A. J. Forrester. On documents, T. A. Sullivan, Eld. W. J. Thomas and G. C. Johnson. On motion adjourned committee on arrangement of business being called on to report, submitted the following which was adopted:

Order of Business.—The committee to arrange the business for the action of the Association beg leave to submit the following report: 1st Call for the report of committee of arrangement; 2d Read Rules of Decorum and Abstract of Principles 3rd Call for report of committee on Devotional Exercises; 4th Call for correspondence; 5th Appoint a committee on finance; 6th Appoint committee on documents; 7th Appoint a committee missions; 8th Appoint a committee on Sabbathschools 9th Consider the Poplar Spring letters; 10th Appoint a committee on religious instruction of colored population; 11th Give agents an opportunity to present their claims; 12th Call for the reading of the circular letter; 13th Call for report of executive board; 14th Appoint some one to write next circular letter; 15th Appoint time and place of holding the next Association; 16th Appoint some one to preach the introductory sermon; 17th Appoint correspondence; 18th Appoint executive board; 19th Call for reports; 20th Call for resolutions. C. C. Malone, Ch'n.

Proceeded to business in order by reading rules of decorum and abstract of principles.

Committee on devotional exercises reported Eld. Wm Hood to preach at 11 a. m., at the stand.

On motion called for correspondence. Brethren W. J. Smith and W. McGee responded as messengers bearing a letter from Tishomingo Association, and were received, the Moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. Elds. J. T. Pitts, J. Smith, were welcomed as messengers from Chickasaw Association, and cordially invited to participate in

ving committees: On Finance—C. Johnson, James M. Cook and K. Bridges. On Missions—Elds L. Stovall, John W. Randolph d F. M. Herring. On Religious struction of the Colored Population Elds. Wm Hood, J. M. Herring d brother W. Gentry.

Own motion the two letters from oplar Springs church were ordered be re-read. Moved and seconded at we receive the letter of Eld. I. myth as Moderator, and J. W. myth church Clerk, with no special elegates as the true letter and rep- sentation from Poplar Springs hurch proper. Pending which the ody adjourned for preaching, until :30 p. m.

Evening Session, 1:30 p. m.—Met s per appointment. Committee on evotional exercises reported Eld. J. . Gambrell to preach to-night, Eld . G. Sellers to-morrow (Sabbath) at p. m. The regular order of busi- ess was suspended to receive letters rom Fellowship and Bogue Falaa hurches. The motion to receive the etter from Poplar Springs church which was pending at the close of the morning session, was taken up, and after an explanation from the contest- ng delegates, the motion to receive was withdrawn, and in lieu thereof, motion was presented requesting the delegates to withdraw ther let- ters, return home, and with the help of God to bury the difficulty.

On motion all corresponding mess- engers and visiting brethren were in- vited to seats. Eld. J. B. Gambrell from Chickasaw Association, Elder G. D. Russell and brothers Cobb and Rateliff of Aberdeen Association, be- ing present, were received and wel- comed. Elder T. G. Sellers address- ed the body in behalf of the Orphan's Home at Lauderdale Springs, Miss., and took up a collection for the same, amounting in aggregate, with Sab- collection, to $38,95 cash, 132 of corn, 10 gal. molasses, 3 dried apples, 1 bbl green ap- Sandlin. The reading of the circular letter called for; G. C. Johnson, who was continued to write at our last session, being present, read the letter which on motion was accepted and ordered to be spread on the minutes. See circular letter.

On motion Eld. A. L. Stovall was appointed to write a circular letter, to be read at our next session, on the doctrine of the Resurrection.

On motion proceeded to the election of a place to hold our next annual session; also some one to preach the introductory and missionary sermon; which resulted in the election of Montachies Creek church as the place, Elder A. J. Forrister to preach the introductory sermon, Elder J. W. Randolph, alternate; Elder A. L. Stovall to preach the missionary sermon, and Eld. T. P. Montgomery alternate.

On motion Eld. T. G. Sellers was requested to take up a collection for the Orphan's Home, after his discourse on Sunday. On motion adjourned until 8:30 a. m., Monday. Prayer by Elder T. G. Sellers; benediction by the Moderator.

Sabbath Exercises.—Owing to the lateness of the hour assembling, brother T. G. Sellers did not preach as per appointment, at 9 a. m., but by consent of brother G. D. Russell, glided his time into 11 a. m. appointment, when he occupied the stand and preached from Roman 12, 11, an excellent discourse, after which he took a collection for the Orphan's Home, for account of which see report on Orphan's Home. We did not hear the discourse of brother G. D. Russell, but knowing the man predict it was good. Clerk —

Monday, Sept. 27th, 1868.—Met pursuant to adjournment. After singing, prayer was offered by Elder A. W. Sandlin. The body then proceeded to buisiness in regular order by appointing correspondence: To Chickasaw Association—which meets with the Cherry Creek church on 3d

L. Eaves, and G. C. Thomason.

To Tishomingo Association—Elds. C. C. Malone, A. J. Forrester, W. J. Thomas, J. J. Andrews and brethren Jno. K. Briston and J M. Henderson. To Big Bear Creek Association—Eld. J. M. Herring, and brethren F. M. Herring, W. M. Baily, and J. M. Henderson; which must with Sandy Springs in——Co., Miss., 2nd Sabbath in October, 1868. To Aberdeen Association—At New Salem Church, Chickasaw county, 2nd Sabbath in October, 1868, Eld. Wm. Hood, A. J. Forester J. J. Andrews, and clerk. To Columbus Association—At Crawfordsville, Miss., 2nd Sabbath in in September, 1869, Elds. W. Hood, T. P. Montgomery, and brethren R. M. Borum, D. G. Thomas, and clerk. To Cold Water Association—At Chulahoma, Marshal county, Miss., 3d Sabbath, in October, '68, Eld. J. J Andrews, and clerk. To Baptist State Convention—At Canton, Miss.,—1869, Elds. A. L Stovall, Wm. Hood, and clerk. On Motion the rigular order of business was suspended to hear the report of committee on domestic mission, which on motion was lost. On motion adjourned for preaching until 1 P. M.

Evening Session—Met according to adjournment. After singing and prayer, proceded to business in regular order. Devotional committee reported Eld. Jas. B Gambrell to preach at 2. P. M. On motion proceeded to elect Executive Board, which resulted in the election of J. Borum, J. Owen, Thos. Whitesides, H. Hood and D Ratcliff, as the board for next Associational year.

On motion the report on domestic mission was reconsidered and adopted. See report O. Report of committee on Finance read and adopted. See report D. Report of committee on documents read and adopted. See report E. The following resolution was then offered and adopted. That we take this method

Miss., who is assisted by Eld. A. Stovall as Associate, [illegible] as worthy their christian love and confiden

The claims of the Baptist w presented by Bro. B. Gambrell.

Reports of committee on S bath Schools read and adopted. S report F.—On the religious instr tion of the colored population, re and adopted. See report G.—Tre urers report read and adopted. S report H. The Executive Board port read and adopted. See rep K. Missionaries report read a adopted. See report L. On Orph Home read and adopted. See rep M. Call for Resolution. when t following was submitted and adopt That it is the sense of this Assoc tion that no man is scripturally a thorized to preach the Gospel b such as have been scripturally ba tized, (Immersed) become membe of the church, and have receiv authority from the church to preac and as we consider all profess preachers of other denominations a wanting in these particulars, we c not affiliate with them as authorix ministers.

The following pledges were ma to pay the balance due our missio aries:

New Prospect Church, Ellistown,	$2
Centre Hill,	3
Fellowship, at Saltillo	2
Boguefala	2
T. A. Sullivan	2
John S. Carothers	2
Tupelo Church	3
Fulton Church	1
Town Creek	2
Pilgrims Rest	1
J. Wester	1

On motion the clerk was allowe $10,00 for his services in superi tending the publishing and destribu ing the minutes to the churches The following resolution was offere and adopted; Resolved, that th thanks of this body are hereby ten dered, to the members of Cam Creek Church, and the citizens an friends of the vicinity, for their kind ness and hospitality extended to

ging that farmiliar old hymn, Amazing grace how sweet the and," &c., the delegates extending part ng hand the Association ad rned to meet with the Montachies eek church, in Itawamaba County, iss., on Friday before the fourth abbath in September, 1869.

JAS. J. ANDREWS, Mod.
Jno. S. Carothers, Clerk.

REPORT C.

Your committee on missions would spectfully report, that we regard e subject as one of great interest, manding the most thorough inves- gation, and prompt and energrtic tion. The churches of Christ are e repositories of the truth, and they e required by their great Head to reach it to every creature. As to oreign Missions our brethren have ell regulated organizations through hich the churches may make their oluntary contributions to aid in the reat work. They have also sys- matic arrangements for the prose- ution of our domestic missions, and e are called upon to aid, not only y our prayers, but by giving ur money as the Lord has prospered s, that those who forth sowing the eed of the word of the Lord, may e fed and clothed. In reference to ur Associational Missions, we would uggest that the Executive Board ecure the services of at least one inister for the Associational year, nd that they divide the association nto five districts and assign over to ach member of the board; in which e will be expected to take collec- ions to pay the salary of the Mis- ionary. Let the missionary to re- uired to confine his labors to the estitute neighborhoods and church- s. We also suggest that our board ecome auxilory to the board at Marion, Ala. All of which is re- spectfully submitted.

A. L. STOVALL, Chairman.

REPORT D.

e your committee on finance would respectfully report, that we ceived from the churches as min- fund, $52,25, and that the same

REPORT E.

The committee on documents beg leave to present the following as their report: We have examined the le- ters from the Churches, and find that the amendment proposed at your last session to the first article in the con- stittuion was rejected by the churches. We have also examined the minutes of the Union meeting in the first district, and find that the next meet- ing of that body will be held with the church at Pleasant Hill, Lee County, to commence on Friday be- fore the first Sabbath in August, 1869, and that Elder T. P. Mont- gomery is appointed to preach the introductory sermon, and that no preacher is appointed as alternate. And further, we learn that the fol- lowing brethren were appointed to write essays upon the subjects at- tached to their names, viz: 1st— Election and Predestination as taught by the Apostles, Elder T. P. Montgomery. 2nd On vocal mu- sic, Merriman Pounds. 3rd Impor- tance of a consecrated ministry, El- der William C Thomas. 4th How to bring more ministerial aid into the field, Elder William Hood. 5th On taking the name of God in vain, brother T. F. Gullett. 6th Duty of children to Parents, J. M. Arm- strong. 7th Repentance, Eld. James Truss. 8th—Impropriety of mem- bers of the church engaging in world- ly amusements. R. S. Thomas. We have also examined the minutes of the Union meeting in the second District, and find that the next meeting of that body will be held with the church at Tupelo, Lee county, to commence on Thursday before the fourth Sab- bath in August, 1869, and that Elder George C. Johnson, was appointed to preach the introductory sermon; and Elder James J. Andrews was appointed as alternate. And also, that the following brethren were ap- pointed to write essays as severally attached to their names, viz: 1st— On election and predestination as taught by the apostles, Elder A. L. Stovall. 2d—On church discipline,

ter. 4th—Impropriety of church members failing to attend church conference, Eld. G. C. Johnson. 5th—On covetousness, T. A. Sullivan. 6th—On what is meant by these words, "We ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." 1 John, 3:16 Elder C. C. Malone. 7th—By what means will the churches become effectually the light of the world. S. M. Gentry. 8th—The impropriety of permitting shows, concerts, and other theatrical performances to be held in the house of God, Eld. James J. Andrews. 9th—On taking the name of God in vain, W. W. Albritton. 10th—The relative duties of parents to their children, Elder Wm. J. Thomas.. 11th—What course should be pursued by the church towards members who ask to be excluded because they think they are deceived and not christians, Burrell Jackson. 12th—If circumcission was a type of any thing, what was it? John S. Carothers.

Thus, brethren, your committee have gone through, so far as they have been able to discover, all the local matters of this body, which becomes us to report upon. We now presume respectfully to call your attention, first to the careful and earnest reading of the Scriptures; secondly, to the procuring and reading of "Kind Words," published by the Sunday School Board at Memphis, Tenn., and edited by Elder T. B. Kingstury. All of us who have children should subscribe for it, price only Fifty Cents for a single copy; clubs of fifteen to one address for one year, Twenty Cents each. We also invite your favorable attention to the Judson Bsptist, about to be published at Tupelo, by our beloved brethren J. S. Carothers and Elder A. L Stovall. The Baptists of this State have no denominational paper published in this State, therefore we think it very important to sustain and build up this paper as our denominational State organ. We are informed that the number of Baptists in the State are about sixty thousand, have a State organ, the work is accomplished. We also recommend to your favorable notice and patronage the "Baptist," edited and published by one of the great nestors of Southern Baptist press, Eld. J. R. Graves. We also recommend to your notice and patronage the "Christian Herald, edited and published by Elder Josephus Shackelford, at Tuscumbia, Alabama. Again, we respectfully bring to the notice of this body the Publishing House of Graves & Jones, at Memphis, Tenn., in which our denomination can be furnished with a good Baptist literature. Brethren it is very important that our people should be a reading people, so as thereby to combat religious error and prepare fully for the great contest which we're destined at no very distant day to meet with in Romanism and Ritualism. Elijah came unto all the people and said "How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God follow him. But if Baal, then follow him. Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only remain a prophet of the Lord; But Baals prophets are four hundred and fifty men, just so are we a little flock compared with the balance of the world professing christianity.—All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. A. Sullivan, Ch.

REPORT F.

We, your committee, having been appointed to write on the subject of Sabbath schools, beg leave to submit this our report. We believing that Sabbath-schools are highly conducive of moral and religious advancement, and that they extend benefits to the poor children of our unfortunate country such as cannot elsewhere be realized. We do, therefore, most earnestly recommend the organization of this charitable and most praisewarthy institution, where it has not been established among the churches represented in this association. Many of our most efficient heralds of the cross are indebted to this institution for their religious ability. Children are [illegible]

an organization and teachers who will instill into their minds wholesome truths and the divine precepts, and it is therefore the duty of the brethren to select men of unwaiving ecclesiastical integrity, as teachers, who may by application alleviate their condition and materially promote the cause of Jesus Christ, therefore, arouse brethren, to the discharge of your imperative duty, and properly instruct the youth of our country. Respectfully submitted.

WM. G. THOMAS Ch.

REPORT G.

Your committee on the plan to be persued in order to the spiritual good of the colored population would submit the following: There is no subject that has stronger claims on our sympathies; no people within our reach stand more in need of the knowledge of the truth. If left to themselves they will certainty remain ignorant of the great principles of the christian religion, both as to faith and practice, and instead of improvement they are bound to retrograde. We your committee would recommend that the churches retain them in their churches and encourage them in their separate worship to secure the labors of all intelligent ministers, that they may be properly instructed, and the unconverted, taught the way of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. Respectfully submitted. WM. HOOD, Ch.

REPORT H.

R. M. Borum,	Dr.	Cr.
To Judson Assoc'n for '67.	$70.25	
" " '68.	52.25	
	122,50	
By amount paid Clerk last year...		$70 25
Balance on hand.....		52 25

All of which is respectfully submitted,

R. M. BORUM, Treasurer.

REPORT K.

We your Executive Board would respectfully report that we met in the months of May and June, at which times we employed Elds. W. C. Thomas and Jas. J. Anderws, to [illegible] Missionaries to commence on account of ill health. As to the results of their labors we herewith subjoin their reports: We have collected $97.55, and still lack $29.00 balance to pay them off. Respectfully subm itted. JAS. M. COOK, Ch.

REPORT L.

Dear Brethren, - According to your arrangements I entered the field on the 20th July, unframmelled with the cares of the world. I spent the first day in humiliation, fasting and prayer, and I feel to exclaim in the langnage of the Psalmist, "the Lord has done great things for us, whereof we are glad." I found that there was great destitution in our bounds of a preached gospel, and a great portion of the field entirely uncultivated. The time allowed us being so short it was imposible for us to supply the deficiency. I labored 62 days, traveled 741 miles, preached 52 sermons, delivered 85 exhortations, offered 111 prayers, made 106 family visits, baptised 23. There is a great desire manifested among the people that you send a missionary again into the field, Respectfully submitted.

JAS. J. ANDREWS, Missionary.

REPORT M.

Dear Brother.—As one employed by you as an evangelist for the Judson Association, I would respectfully report that I labored 20 days, preached 26 sermons, aided in the constituting of one church, and ordination of one deacon; and assisted in meetings during the the time where 20 were baptized, with perhaps about the same number of professions. Rerespectfully submitted.

W. C. THOMAS, Missionary.

REPORT N.

Your committe on the Orphan's Home of Lauderdale Springs, Miss. would respectfully report, that this institution of charity is, as we believe, the fruit of pure disinterested benevolence, and recommends itself to the fostering care of every christian patriot, and love of the bereft and destitute orphan's of beloved

agers consisting of gentlemen of different religious denominations, and of the world. And already more than 200 children, orphan's of deceased soldiers are there, and the strictest attention is being given to the cultivation of their minds, habits of industry, &c. We earnestly invite the attention of this body, together with all the members of our churches, and the public generally, to this object, and let us by all means aid in clothing and feeding these children and thereby discharge a debt we owe their fathers, our friends and brothers, the dead heroes, of the lost cause." We report amount of collections taken up by Bro T G Sellers, on Saturday and Sunday, $38.-95 in cash, 132 Bushels corn, 10 gallons molases, 3 bushel dried apples, 1bbl green apples. Respectfully submitted, A L Stovall, Ch

CIRCULAR LETTER.

Dear Brethren: Being appointed at your last Association to write a Circular Letter, I have concluded to write upon the Doctrine of the Final Perseverance of the Saints, or in other words the children of God. The Perseverance of the Saints, is their continuance in a state of Grace, a state of Glory. We, in the first place, will refer to a few passages of God's Word to show who are the children of God: They are persons who have been quickened and made alive by the spirit of God, and you hath he quickened who were dead in trespasses and sins, even when we were dead in sins h th quickened us together with Christ; For by Grace ye are saved, through Faith, and that not of yourselves. It is a gift of God not of works lest any man should boast. Eph. 2 : 1, 5, 8, 9. Consequently this great work of the new birth is of God's free and sovereign grace by his holy Spirit. God, who is perfect in all his works, cannot nor will not do anything that can be undone by any opposing power. He is being possessed of Infinite Love, Faithfulness, Wisdom and Power; cannot be supposed to suffer any of His people finally to fall into perdition. This would be a reflection on His attributes, and argue Him to be changable and worse than a common father to his family. His love to His people is unchangable and therefore cannot be the object of it at one time, and not another. "I am the Lord, I change not." Mal. 3 : 6. And again, the Lord appeared of old unto me saying, "Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love, therefore with loving kindness have I drawn thee." Jer. 31 : 3. And again, the union that exists between Christ and his people is another strong proof of His unchangable love to His people. Jesus Christ, before he suffered on the cross for guilty man, lifted up his eyes to heaven in prayer to his heavenly Father, after requesting Him to take special care of his disciples, he said, "Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; I in them, and thou in me, Father, I will that they also whom Thou hast given me, be with me where I am, that they may behold the glory Thou hast given me." John 17 : 20, 23, 24. This divine being thus in prayer, was nothing less than God manifest in the flesh; "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace." Isa. 9 : 6.

Dear Brethren—It would be derogatory to His divine character to suppose for a moment that this Mighty God would suffer one of those for whom He thus prayed, finally to be lost. The enemy of God and man might just as well undertake to pluck the material sun from the firmament, and remove the strong pillows of Heaven, as to pluck one of H

erring Word, that He upholds His people by His almighty power, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away; reserved in Heaven for you who are kept by the power of God, through faith unto salvation, ready to be revealed in the last time. 1st. Pet. 1, 5. Again: Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin, for his seed remaineth in him, and he cannot sin, because he is born of God. 1st John 3, 9. For ye are dead and your life is hid with Christ in God; when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory. Col. 3: 3, 4. O how secure are His people in whom is no strength, tempted and tossed like a vessel on the raging billows of the mighty deep. Yet that hope, which we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the vale whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus made an High Priest, forever after the order of Malchesidec. Heb. 6: 19, 20. Again, According as he has chosen us in him before the foundation of the world. Eph. 1: 4. Now if there be a possibility of their final falling, then this choice, this union, His death, and intercession may all be in vain, and rendered abortive; an idea that cannot be sustained by the Word of God. His faithfulness to His people and to His promise, is not founded upon their merit, but upon His own will and goodness. This, therefore, cannot be violated. Mal. 3: 6. His wisdom foresees every obstacle in the way, and is capable of removing it, and directing them into the right faith. It would be a reflection on His wisdom, after choosing a right end, not to choose a right means in accomplishing the same Jer. 10: 6, 7. It is the work of the Spirit which is to communicate grace and strength equal to the day. Phil. 1: 6. If man, by his own power, had brought himself into a state of grace, then it might follow that he might relapse into an opposite state, when that power at any time was weakened. But as the perseverance of the saints is not produced by any native principle in themselves, but by the agency of the Holy Spirit in lightenning, conforming, and establishing them, of course they must persevere, or otherwise it would be a reflection on this divine agent. Rom, 8: 26, 27. Some will contend that this doctrine gives great encouragement to carna security, and sin. But we contend that this doctrine, like many others, may be abused by hypocrits, but cannot be so by these truly born of the spirit of God; it being the very nature of grace to lead to righteousness Tit. 2: 11, 12. Their knowledge leads to veneration, their love animates to duty, their gratitude excites to obedience; yea, all their principles have a tendency to set before them the evil of sin and the beauty of holiness.

Finally, dear brethren, we have an abundant testimony in God's rich treasure of divine treth, that when He shall come the second time, without sin unto salvation, to make up the jewels, He will spare them—as a man spareth his own son—that serveth Him. *He* will receive them unto himself, in the world of bliss and glory, there to sing with rapture and delight, in the highest strains, redeeming grace and dying love.

G. C. JOHNSON.

Statistical Tabl

CHURCHES.	P O.	COUNTY & STATE	PASTO
Bogue fala,	Mooresville,	Lee county, Miss	T P Montg
Center Hill,	Verona,	Lee county, Miss	T P Montg
Fellowship,	Saltillo,	Lee county, Miss.	J M Herri
Friendship,	Guntown,	Lee county, Miss.	J M Herri
Friendship,		Monroe county, Miss.	
Fulton.	Fulton,	Itawamba co., Miss.	W C Thom
Hopewell,	Richmond,	Lee county, Miss.	W C Thom
Liberty,	Bigby Fork,	Lee county, Miss.	
Montachie Creek,	Fulton,	Itawamba co., Miss.	Jas J And
New Prospect,	Aberdeen,	Monroe county, Miss	
Pleasant Hill,	Tupelo,	Lee county, Miss.	J J Adrew
Richmond,	Richmond,	Lee county, Miss.	W C Thom
Saltillo,	Saltillo,	Lee county, Miss.	G D Russel
Shiloh,	Baldwyn,	Lee county, Miss.	J W Rando
Town Creek,	Shannon,	Lee county, Miss.	W Hood
Unity,	Guntown,	Lee county, Miss.	J M Herri
Camp Creek,	Guntown,	Lee county, Miss.	G D Russe
Guntown,	Guntown,	Lee county, Miss.	G D Russe
New Prospect,	Ellistown,	Lee county, Miss.	L R Burres
Oak Hill,	Pontotoc,	Pontotoc county Miss	J T Pitts
Poplar Springs,			
Mt. Gilead,	Wallerville,	Pontotoc county Miss	A J Forres
Pleasant Valley,	Chesterville	Lee county, Miss.	A L Stovall
Pilgrim's Rest,	Tupelo,	Lee county, Miss.	A L Stovall
Tupelo,	Tupelo,	Lee county, Miss.	A L Stoval
Uclatubba,	Saltillo,	Lee county, Miss.	J J Andrev
Zion,	Verona,	Lee county, Miss.	J J Andrew

The following is a list of the names of Ministers, the Postoffice, County and State:

A. L. Stovall, Tupelo, Lee county, Miss.; S. Bryant, Tupelo, Lee co., Miss.; W. Fuque, Tupelo, Lee co.; A. J. Forrester, Saltillo, Lee co.; W. J Thomas, Saltillo, Lee co.; J. J. Andrews, Guntown, Lee co.; J. M. Herring, Guntown, Lee co.; A. W. Sandlin, Saltillo, Lee co.; J. W. Randolph, Mooresville, Lee co.; T. P. Montgomery, Mooresville, Lee co. W. C. Thomas, Richmond, Lee co.; W. Hood, Shannon, Lee co.; C. C. Malone, Chesterville, Lee co.; E. Moore, Chesterville, Lee co.; G. C. Johnson, Verona, Lee co.; J. J. Richards, Mooresville, Lee co.

l Table for 1868.

ATE	PASTORS.	MESSENFERS NAMES.	Days of Meetings.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Restored by Restoration.	Dismissed by Letter.	Dismissed by Excl'n.	Died	No. White Females.	No. White Males.	No. of Blacks....	Total.	Minute Fund.	
	T P Montgomery	T P Montgomery A W Sanillin John Clayton	3	7	8		9		1	69	51		120	4	00
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MINUTES.

The Seventeenth Annual Session of the Judson Association convened with the church at Montachies Creek on Friday before the 4th Sabbath in September 1869. Introductory sermon preached by Elder A. J. Forester; text, Ephesians 1st chapter 12th, 13th, and 15th verses. Theme—the gospel the only means of salvation.

After a recess of thirty minutes the Association was called together by the Moderator, Elder J. J. Andrews; prayer, by Elder W. C. Thomas.

The Clerk being absent it was moved and carried that Jos. M. Cook be appointed to act as Clerk preparatory to organization.

The Moderator then appointed Elder A. L. Stovall and Thomas A. Sullivan as reading Clerks; after which the letters from the various churches composing the Association were called for, read and contents noted in statistical table.

Petitionary letters were then called for, when a letter was presented from Bethlehem church petitioning membership with this Body, which was received, and the Messengers cordially welcomed, and names enrolled.

The Association then proceeded to organization by electing Elder A. L. Stovall, Moderator, and Jos. M. Cook, Clerk, and R. M. Borum, Treasurer.

The Moderator elect, took his seat, after a few brief and appropriate remarks, he appointed the following Committees:

On Devotional Exercises.—Brethren B. Jackson, Jas M. Armstrong and J. Owen, together with the deacons of Montachies Creek church.

On Arrangement of Business.—Elder W. C. Thomas and brethren Thos. A. Sullivan and Elder Phillips, together with the Moderator and Clerk.

The Committee on devotion report that Elder W. C. Thomas preach to-morrow, (Saturday) at 11 o'clock, a. m.

Adjourned until Saturday morning half past eight o'clock.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder T. C. Teasdale. The following committees were announced by the Moderator:

On Documents.—Thomas A. Sullivan, L. Ratliff and W. C. Ward.

On Finance.—A. Jackson and A. J. Doty.

On Home Missions—Eli Philips and James M. Armstrong.

On Sabbath Schools.—Elders Wm. C. Thomas, W. J. Thomas and A. J. Forester.

On the best course to be pursued towards the Colored Brethren—Elders J. J Andrews, Wm. Hood and J. M. Herring.

Committee on Arrangements called on to report, read, received and adopted.

On motion, suspended regular order of business for the purpose of inviting visiting brethren and correspondents to seats.

Elder T. C. Teasdale presented a letter of correspondence from Columbus Association, and was cordially invited to a seat; also a letter from Big Bear Creek Association, no delegate from that body.

From Tishomingo Association, Elders L. F. Seward and T. F. Parker.

From Chickasaw Association, a letter accompanied by Elder J. T. Pitts and Bro. J. M. C. Tucker.

From Aberdeen Association, Bro. John S. Ratliff, no letter.

By motion, Elder T. C. Teasdale addressed the body in behalf of the Sabbath School Board.

Proposed that if the Association would contribute $100 it would be appropriated to the stereotyping of a book bearing the insignia of the Judson Association, and further, that the Judson Association would have the liberty of selecting some one to write the book, &c. Accordingly $110 was contributed in cash and pledges, and Elder T. P. Montgomery appointed to write the volume.

Adjourned until 1 o'clock p. m.

The hour for preaching having arrived, Elder W. C. Thomas preached to a large and attentive congregation, with his usual ability.

Clerk being absent failed to get the text.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer omitted.

Devotional Committee report, Elder T. F. Parker preach this evening at 3 o'clock.

Elder A. L. Stovall preach to-morrow at 11 o'clock a. m.

Elder F. L. Seward preach to-morrow at 7 o'clock p. m.

Then read rules of decorum.

Called for and read circular letter, and after some criticism it was adopted and, by motion, ordered to be forwarded to the CHRISTIAN HERALD for publication.

Called for report of Executive Board.

By motion referred until Monday.

On motion, proceeded to elect an Executive Board which resulted in the election of the following brethren, viz: B. Jackson, James M. Cook, R. M. Borum, Jantes M. Armstrong and A. J. Doty.

Elder F. L. Seward then addressed the Association in behalf of the Domestic and Indian Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, and took up collection, but the amount received was not reported to the Clerk.

By request granted leave of absence to Bro. John M. Rye.

Appointed correspondence to sister Associations as follows:

To Chickasaw Association, Elders Joshua Smith, C. C. Malone, Wm. Hood, A. B. Smith and W. M. Fuqua, and Bro. B. Jackson. Elder A. B. Smith to write the letter.

To Tishomingo Association, Elders A. J. Forrester, W. J. Thomas, Wm. Hood, S. Bryant and brethren J. R Bristow and Wm. Bailey. Elder A. J. Forrester to write the letter.

To Big Bear Creek, Elders C. C. Malone, A. J. Forrester and Bro. Doty. Malone to write the letter.

To Aberdeen Association, Elders A. L. Stovall, Wm. Hood, S. Bryant, J. W. Randolph, J. J. Andrews, G. C. Johnson, and brethren R. M. Borum, W. H. Ridings, T. H. Boothe, J. R. Bristow, G. A. P. Johnson, J. E. Sparks, W. C. Ward. Elder Bryant to write.

To Columbus Association, Elders C. C. Malone, Wm. Hood, A. L. Stovall, and brethren R. M. Borum and J. M. Armstrong. Bro. R. M. Borum to write the letter.

To Cold Water Association, Joshua Smith, S. Bryant and Brother A. J. Doty: Elder J. Smith to write the letter.

To State Convention, Elders A. L. Stovall, Wm. Hood, C. C Malone, W. J. Thomas, A. B. Smith, S. Bryant, A. J. Forrester, W. M. Fuqua, Joshua Smith, and brethren B. Jackson and J. M. Armstrong: Elder W. J. Thomas to write the letter.

Adjourned till Monday morning 8:30 a. m.

Prayer by Elder Wm. Hood.

Sabbath Exercises.—The brethren appointed to preach on the Sabbath filled the stand in order of appointments.

Elder A. L. Stovall preached at 11 a. m. from Phillipians 2: 16, "Holding forth the word of life;" to a large and attentive audience. After refreshments Elder F. L. Seward filled the stand at 2 p m. and preached from 1st Corinthians 16: 22, "He that loves not the Lord Jesus, let him be anathema maranatha;" *one of his characteristic sermons*—we hope not without effect.

CLERK.

MONDAY, SEP. 27, 1869.

Met pursuant to adjournment; prayer by Elder J. W. Randolph.

On motion suspended regular order of business to receive letter from Boguefalah church, which was read and delegates' names enrolled.

Proceeded to elect ministers to preach introductory and missionary sermons at next session, when Elder T. P. Montgomery was elected to preach introductory, W. C. Thomas, alternate. Elder T. P. Montgomery was also elected to preach missionary sermon on Sabbath 11 a. m. next session, Elder A. L. Stovall, alternate. On motion, next session was appointed to be holden with the church at Poplar Springs, Pontotoc county, Miss., commencing on Thursday before the 2d Sabbath in Sept., 1870.

On motion, time was given Elder F. L. Seward to address the body in behalf of the CHRISTIAN HERALD, published by Elder Jos. Shackelford at Tuscumbia, Ala., who was followed by Elder T. P. Montgomery.

Report of Executive Board was called for, read and adopted. See appendix C.

Report on Documents called for, read and adopted. See exhibit D.

Report on education called for, read and adopted, together with appended resolutions. —See exhibit H.

Resolutions.—Resolutions were then called for when the following was read and adopted:

Resolved, That the Judson Association of Baptist agree with the church at Chesterville, Lee county Mississippi, in recommending bro. R. H. Robertson to the full confidence and christian fellowship of Baptist wherever God in His providence may cast his lot, and furthermore, as brother Robertson has expressed a divine impression resting upon him to enter upon the public ministration of God's Holy Word, therefore he deserves not only our confidence, but our prayers and pecuniary support.

After which the following was read and adopted:

Resolved, That this Asiociation adopt the following plan of getting the missionary work before the churches: That the Executive Board divide the Association into five districts, and that each member of the Board ge: the pastors to assist him in presenting the missionary interest before their respective churches in the shortest possible time.—If possible by the meeting of the Board in November next, so that it may take definite action at that time, and if possible employ an efficient missionary to commence his work from that date.

The following resolution was then read and adopted:

Resolved that this Association tender their thanks to the brethren, sisters and citizens of this vicinity for their hospitality in entertaning this Body during its present session.

After some feeling and appropriate remarks by the Moderator, the congregation joined in singing the familiar old hymn—

"Amazing grace, how sweet the sound." &c.

The Messengers extended the parting hand. The Body adjourned to meet with the Poplar Springs church as per appointment.

A. L. STOVALL, Moderator.
J. M. COOK, Clerk.

REPORTS.

Report of Executive Board.

A.

We, your Executive Board, would respectfully report that for want of means we have failed to do anything in the missionary field.

B. RATLIFF, chairman.

Report on Documents.

B.

From the examination of the letters addressed to this Body we learn that there has been a large addition to the churches composing this Body during the last year, and it appears that peace and harmony prevails.

We have examined the minutes of the 1st district and find that the next session of that Body convenes with the church at Fellowship three miles Southeast of Saltillo, on Friday before the 2nd Sabbath in August 1870. The introductory to be preached by Elder A. M. Sandlin, and the following brethren was appointed to write upon the subjects following their names:

Elder T. P. Montgomery, on the "co-existence of Christ." Elder Wm. Hood, the Divinity of Christ. Elder W. C. Thomas, brotherly love. Elder J. M. Randolph, practical piety. Elder A. W. Sandlin, temperance. J. W. Cook, vocal music.

We have also examined the minutes of the 2nd, district and find that its next session will be held with the church Pilgrims' Rest, commencing on Thursday before the 3rd Sabbath in August 1870. Elder A. L. Stovall, is appointed to preach the introductory sermon. Elder S. Bryant, alternate. And that that body agreed to adopt the CHRISTIAN HERALD, published at Tuscumbia, Ala., as their organ. The following brethren were appointed to write essays on the subjects annexed to their names.

John S. Carothers, Impropriety of church members failing to attend conference. John H. Knott, By what means will the church most effectually become the light of the world. Thos. A. Sullivan, Is it Scriptural and necessary for the church to have written articles of faith and rules of decorum, J. S. Clayton, The power and influence of Satan. Elder A. L. Stovall, Pre-existence of Christ. Elder S. Bryant, Taking the name of God in vain. Elder C. C. Malone, Impropriety of permitting shows, concerts and other theatrical performances to be held in the house of God. Elder A. J. Forrester, If circumcision was a type of anything, what is it?

We have gone through, so far as we can discern, all that is necessary for us to report upon, pertaining to the local matters of this body.

We now respectfully recommend to the brethren the diligent reading of the scriptures, the procuring and reading of *Kind Words*, published by the Sunday School Board at Memphis, Tennessee—the subscribing for and reading the CHRISTIAN HERALD, published by Elder Jos. Shackelford at Tuscumbia, Alabama, and that this body adopt it as its organ. We also recommend to your favorable notice, *The Baptist*, published by Elder J. R. Graves, Memphis, Tennessee. Your fa-

vorable attention is also called to the patronage of Tract Society, which is located at Memphis, Tennessee, also the South Western Publishing House at Memphis, Tennessee.

We find on examination that the number baptized during the year is 218.

Respectfully submitted,
T. A. SULLIVAN.

Report on Home Missions.

C

We your Committee on Home Missions beg leave to submit the following: we cannot believe there is any great destitution in the bounds of this Association as regards the white population. But there is a destitution among the colored population that demands our attention.

We believe it is our duty to give them Gospel instruction.

We therefore recommend that you appoint, through your Board, a Missionary to ride in the bounds of this body and devote as much time as possible to the colored population.

We would further recommend that the Executive Board be instructed to employ a minister who is able to disseminate and defend the doctrines of the Baptists.

Respectfully,
ELI PHILLIPS, Chairman.

Report on Finance.

D

The Committee on Finance report as follows: received for minutes $67 30 which has been paid over to Treasurer.

Respectfully,
B. JACKSON, Chairman.

Treasurer's Report.

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R. M. Borum	Dr.	Cr.
To Association 1868 for minute fund	$52 25	
" 1869 " "	67 30	
By amount for minutes 1868		$52 25
" " 1869 paid to Clerk		67 30
To amount for Home Missions	19 25	
" " " in pledges	1 50	

Respectfully,
R. M. BORUM, Treasurer.

Report on Sabbath Schools.

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We your Committee to report on Sabbath Schools submit the following:

We deem the proper teaching and training of the greatest importance for early impressions are apt to be most lasting, in the channel the young fail may terminate their timely and eternal destiny. We therefore advise that Baptist Sabbath Schools be established at our various churches with a good supply of suitable books and competent teachers, who will not shun to teach the whole truth and guard against the inculcation of error, as the whole affairs will soon rest upon the rising generation. Brethren, this imposes a fearful and great responsibility upon us, for we are to an extent the keepers and trainers of the young Let us in the name of God raise before their eyes the banner of Christ bearing upon it this inscription, "The truth as it is in Jesus, the whole truth and nothing but the truth," and for this earnestly and humbly contend by the help of God.

Respectfully,
W. C. THOMAS, Chairman.

Report on Colored Population.

G

Your Committee would submit the following:

This is a subject which demands the earnest attention of the churches and Association. Our colored brethren need to be taught the way of the Lord more properly. They are disposed to withdraw from our churches and have their own church organizations. We think this is the best course for them to pursue. Our duty toward them is plain, we should employ an intelligent minister to travel throughout the bounds of our Association to organize their churches and teach them Scriptural principles of discipline and plainly preach to them the truths of the Gospel.

No colored brethren should be ordained to the Gospel ministry until they are able to understand and teach the plain truths of the Gospel.

Every church dismissing members to organize in its vicinity should give special attention to their spiritual interest.

Respectfully submitted,
JAMES J. ANDREWS, Chairman.

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*The Clerks of the churches are requested to report whether there is a Sabbath School organized at their churches, the number of students and teachers, number of books in library. When the school was organized, prospects and everything connected with its progress of material interest to the next annual session of the body.

CLERK.

Report on Education.

H

Your Committee would respectfully submit that this subject should receive our undivided attention. The whole of North Mississippi is now without either a male or female college or high school under our patronage and supervision. We have the means and the youth and our duty as well as our interest loudly calls upon us to concentrate our efforts as Associations and establish at some elegible point on the Mobile and Ohio R. R. both a male and female Baptist College or high schools, that our children may have the high privilege of obtaining an education in our midst.

Submitted,
C. C. MALONE, chair.

Resolved, That this Association adopt the school now conducted by Mrs. Brown in the town of Verona, Mississippi, as a school worthy of our patronage and support, and that we urge upon our denomination to give it their support and hearty co-operation, and that we regard it as a nucleus for a high female school to be located at that or some other point as the denomination may hereafter decide.

Resolved further, That this Association appoint a committee of three as follows: B. Jackson, Elders T. P. Montgomery and A. L. Stovall to confer with a like committee from the Aberdeen and other Associations of North Mississippi, as to the propriety of establishing a male school or College at some peint on the Mobile and Ohio R. R. as soon as may be practicable.

CIRCULAR LETTER.

THE RESURRECTION.

DEAR BRETHREN: That Christ died for our sins and that he was buried, and that he rose again according to the Scriptures, is a great fundamental truth, without which all our hopes of the future would be vain. The resurrection of Christ is the pledge and earnest of our resurrection. "If Christ be not risen then is our preaching vain and your faith is also vain, and they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished." If in this life only we have hope in Christ we are of all men most miserable. But Christ is risen from the dead and became the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. Christ, the first fruits, afterward they that are Christ's at his coming. The resurrection of Christ is attested by unquestionable witnesses, and infallible proofs. The Apostle Paul expressly affirms that the promise which was made unto the fathers, God has fulfilled the same unto us, their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again, as it is also written in 2d Psalm: "Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten Thee and that he raised him. He said on this wise, I will give you the sure mercies of David." Therefore, he said in the 16 Psalm, "Thou shall not suffer thy holy one to see corruption." David after he had served his own generation by the will of God fell asleep (died), and was laid unto his fathers (buried) and saw corruption. But he whom God raised again saw no corruption.

On the day of pentecost Peter refers to the same prophecy, and says that David being a prophet and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him that of the fruit of his loins according to the flesh he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne. He seeing this before spake of the resurrection of Christ that his soul was not left in hell, (that is, He did not remain in the state of the dead). Neither did his flesh see corruption. Time and space would fail us if we were to attempt to present all the testimony given by the law and the prophets to this sacred truth. The Apostles in all their preaching and writing referred to the Scriptures of the Old Testament for proof of the resurrection of Jesus. Paul in his defence before Festus said, "I continued witnessing both to small and great, saying none other things than these which the prophets and Moses did say should come; that Christ should suffer and that he should be the first that should rise from the dead." To these prophecies respecting the resurrection of our Lord we would do well to take heed, as unto lights shining

in a dark place. They lighted up the future to the ancient people of God and cheered and comforted them in prospect of death. Jesus foretold his own resurrection, he said: "destroy this temple and in three days I will raise it up. Again meaning the temple of his body. He told his disciples that he must go unto Jerusalem and suffer many things of the Elders and Chief Priests and Scribes and be killed and be raised again the third day. The angels testified that Jesus rose from the dead. They said to the woman who came to the sepulchre: "he is not here for he is risen as he said Come see the place where the Lord lay and go, quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead. And behold he goeth before you into Gallilee, there shall ye see him. The Apostles were specially chosen to be witnesses of Christ's resurrection, and they testified that God raised him up the third day, and showed him openly, not to all the people, but unto witnesses chosen before of God even to us who did eat and drink with him after he rose from the dead. He was seen of Cephas and then of the twelve. After that he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once. After that he was seen of James then of all the Apostles, and last of all he was seen of me also as of one born out of due time." 1st Corinthians.

He shewed himself to his Apostles after this fashion by many infallible proofs, being seen of them forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God, Acts 1st,

We are assured that the testimony of the Apostles is infallible, because they testified of his resurrection as a thing of which they had certain and personal knowledge, and proclaimed it openly in the very place where it occurred; knowing that stripes and imprisonment and even death itself would be the consequences.

The ordinance of baptism was designed by its great author to be a lasting monument of the resurrection of Christ till time shall be no more.

Hence Paul refers to it in his argument on the resurrection in 15th Chap. 1st Corinthians: "Else what shall they do which are baptized for the dead; if the dead rise not at all? why are they then baptized for the dead? Peter teaches that baptism is the figure or symbol of the resurrection of Christ by which we are saved. We have collected these unerring proofs of the resurrection of our blessed Lord that your souls may be confirmed in this doctrine, and that you may constantly look to Jesus who has, for you, endured the cross despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. The Scriptures teach very plainly that both the righteous and the wicked shall be raised from the dead. Jesus said, the hour is coming in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice and shall come forth, they that have done good unto the resurrection of life, and they that have done evil unto the resurrection of damnation.—John V., 28,29. Paul said, "I have hope toward God that there shall be a resurrection of the dead both of the just and unjust."—Acts 24, 15. The resurrection will take place when Christ comes to judge the world at the end of

this world The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death, the last victory gained is over the grave. When the son of man shall come in his glory and all the holy angels with him then shall he sit on the throne of his glory, and before him shall be gathered all nations."—Matthew 25.

The Lord himself shall descend from Heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and the trump of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord --1st Thessalonians, 4, 16, 17.

We are taught in 2d Thessalonians that when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from Heaven with his mighty angels, those that know not God and that obey not the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord and the glory of his power.

I have quoted these Scriptures to show that the second coming of Christ and the resurrection of the righteous and the wicked will be simultaneous events. There is but little said in the Bible about the bodies of the finally impenitent. They will be raised from the dead in their sinful nature, and be a fit abode for their sin defiled spirits.

He that is unjust let him be unjust still, and he which is filthy let him be filthy still.--Rev. 22.

The resurrection of the last day pertains to the body and not to the soul. The souls of all God's children are quickened into life in regeneration they are made partakers of eternal life. They have by faith eat of the bread of life and can never die. When the soul is separated from the body by the death of the body it goes immediately to God who gave it and is with Christ. In the resurrection the body is gloriously changed; it dies or is sown in corruption, it is raised in corruption; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body. Thus we learn that it will be a fit abode for the spirit which has been washed in the precious blood of Christ. As we have borne the image of the earthy we shall also bear the image of the Heavenly.

We look for the Saviour our Lord Jesus Christ from Heaven who shall change our vile bodies that it may be fashioned like unto His glorious body according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things to himself,—Phillippians 3, 21.

Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory—Oh, death, where is thy sting? Oh, grave, where is thy victory?" Then the redeemed will have been freed from sin which is death's sting and the grave can hold its captive no longer. This glorious victory is freely given us through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for as much as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.

A. L. STOVALL.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

CHURCHES.	PASTORS.	POST OFFICE.	NAMES OF MEMBERS.	Day of Meeting	No. of Baptisms	Received by Letter	Restored	Excluded	Dismissed by Letter	Dead	Total in Membership	Minute Fund
Center Hill	T P Montgomery	Verona	J E Sparks, Wm Ridings.		9	9	1		5	1	71	60
Fellowship	J M Herring	Saltillo	A Robertson, L.	2	17	9		1	20	1	81	75
Friendship	J M Herring	Guntown	Wm M Bailey.	2		1					82	80
Fulton		Fulton	W G Thomas, Eli Phillips.	2							82	80
Hopewell	W C Thomas	Richmond	W C Thomas, O; J M'Randolph, O, J C Gillilin, L.	4	14	5			20		180	80
Liberty	James Trace	Bigby Fork	J C Ridings, W P Ridings.								14	80
Mantachies Creek	J J Andrews	Fulton	J M Cook, G A Hancock, J B Jamison.	2		2			6	1	98	80
New Prospect	L B Burrow	Ellistown	S E Milkin, A J Morley	1		1			2	1	96	80
Richmond	W C Thomas	Richmond	J M Armstrong, J A Bryan, Job Springer.	1	5	2			10		89	80
Pleasant Hill	J J Andrews	Tupelo	A J Doty.	1	22	13	1	6	4	1	78	80
Shiloah	J W Randolph	Marietta	W B Davis.	1	2	1			2		25	80
Saltillo	G D Russel	Saltillo	S T Fife, W S Burge	2					5		18	80
Town Creek	Wm Hood	Shannon	Elder Wm Hood, O.	2					4		54	80
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Zion	J J Andrews	Verona	G A P Johnson	4	1	9			2	1	53	80
Bethelehem	J W Randolph	Fulton	Thos H Booth, C Holmes.								55	75
Bogue Chitto	T P Montgomery	Mooreville	T P Montgomery, O.	2	31	3		5	6	3	178	80
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